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MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

No. 3651

NOTES.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gillett, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hol Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolteforth, Esq.
Cicic Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co. and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP \$251,000.15.0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTS BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager,
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893.

MASONIC.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 16th
instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1894.

VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the
above Chapter will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 16th
instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1894.

NOTICES of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE Business hitherto conducted by the
MITSU BISHI SHIA and MITSU
BISHI OLLIERIE, will from and after the
1st January, 1894, be carried on by a Limited
Partnership under the style of the MITSU
BISHI GOSHI-KWAN-HA (MITSU BISHI
CO., LTD.) of which Mr. IWASAKI HISAYA is
the Managing Partner.

AGENTS:
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
H. U. JEFFRIES,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1894.

NOTICE.
M. R. FREDERICK BROUHAM MAR-
SHALI has this Day been admitted a
PARTNER in our FIRM.

TATT & Co.
Amoy, 1st January, 1894.

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person \$35.00
Tiffin \$15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every style.

Breakfast \$0.50
Tiffin \$0.75
Dinner \$1.00

SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1893.

INSURANCES.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d)—The Surrender and Loan-values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893.

THE LION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

WE have this Day been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, and
are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS at CURRENT
RATES.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
and payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$33,333.33.
EQUAL TO \$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEEU MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF CIGARS, WINES, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
TUESDAY, the 16th January, 1894,

commencing at 2.10 P.M.,

at his SALE HOME, DUDDELL STREET.

To Close Convenient.

MANILA CIGARS of the well-known brand
of the CIE. GÉNÉRALE DE TOBACOS
MARIA CHRISTINA and other MANUFAC-
TURERS.

100 lbs. AMERICAN SMOKING MIXTURE
in perfect Condition.

AT THE SAME TIME THERE WILL BE SOLD
12 CASES POMERAY and GRENOIS
CHAMPAGNE in plain.

25 CASES NUERNBERG BEER in flats
and quarts, in first-class Condition, quality
equal to MUNICH BEER.

FINE WHISKIES, SHERRY, BRANDY and other
LIQUORS.

The above will be Sold in Lots to suit pur-
chasers.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF JAPANESE WARE AND WORKS OF ART.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1894,

commencing at 2.30 P.M.,

at his SALE ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET.

(Received from Japan.)

A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF
JAPANESE WARE AND WORKS OF ART

Comprising:—

Every branch of JAPANESE ART INDUS-
TRIES that has been offered to the public for
some years past.

Descriptive Catalogues will be offered previous
to the Sale, and the Articles will be on view
from Friday, the 19th instant.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

INTIMATIONS.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
88, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893.

INTIMATIONS.

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company
will be held at the Company's Registered
Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of
January instant, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the
purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing
the following Resolution, that is to say:—

"That THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND
BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED,
be wound-up voluntarily under the provisions
of the Companies' Ordinances 1865 to 1890,
and that HART BUCK of Victoria in the
Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby
appointed Liquidator for the purposes of
such Wind-up."

Dated the 6th day of January, 1894.

By Order of the Board.

JOHN A. JUPP,
Secretary.

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held
in the Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on
SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock
NOON, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors and Statement of
Accounts to the 31st October, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th inst.,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. A. DUFF,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1894.

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND
SHIPBUILDERS, HONGKONG.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held
in the Rooms, No. 13, Praya Central, on
MONDAY, the 22nd January, 1894, at 8.45 P.M., for
the purpose of receiving the Report of Managing
Committee and Statement of Accounts to the
31st December, 1893.

ROBERT MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1894.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTH
ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at
the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on
WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock
(NOON), for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Board of Directors together with Statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th
to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both
days inclusive), during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTE is hereby given that the FIFTH
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at
the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on
WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock
(NOON), for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Board of Directors together with
the Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be
CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th to WEDNESDAY,
the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive),
during which period no Transfer of Shares
can be registered.

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD
FOR
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS
ALSO FOR
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

IT is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS
OF
CONFETIONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER
SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,
DRAGEES, PRALINES,
and a large selection

PURE CONFETIONERY
from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL
CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,
and other

FRUIT JELLIES
in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS
MOUNTED IN PLUSH,
representing favourite subjects.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841:
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY,
1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONG-
KONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY
DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS
AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN
ADVANCE.

DEATH.
On the 13th December, at The Ferns, 111,
Bushy-hill-road, Camberwell, S.E., WILLIAM
HARDING, late of Hongkong, aged 72.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,
LONDON, 12th January, 1894.
The Earl of Kimberley is seriously indisposed.

THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL.
The Parish Councils Bill has passed the third reading in the House of Commons.

ADJOURNMENTS OF THE COMMONS.
The House of Commons has been adjourned until the 15th of February.

UNITED STATES COINAGE COMMITTEE.

The Coinage Committee of the United States House of Representatives has reported in favour of the Bland Act, the issue of silver certificates against silverage bullion in the Treasury amounting to upwards of fifty-five millions of dollars, and rapid coinage of bullion.

PENANG DENIED A ROYAL
COMMISSION.

Sir Sydney C. Buxton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, stated the Marquis of Ripon did not consider a Royal Commission to enquire into the alleged grievances of Penang was necessary. That he had asked the Governor of the Straits Settlements to consider the advisability of occasional Legislative Council Meetings being held at Penang; and hoped Penang would be consulted with regard to local public works.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Mercury* arrived here today from Nanking which put the 1st on the 10th; the *Falcons* also arrived from Singapore.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended January 14th are:—Europeans, 156; Chinese, 1,834; total 1,990.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dowdell, Carrill & Co.) inform us that the steamship *Argyll* left Singapore to-day for this port, and is due on or about the 22nd inst.

WE beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospital's report for 1893, from which we propose to give a few facts in to-morrow's issue.

IT is notified in the *Government Gazette* that Lieut. John Armstrong of the Hongkong Volunteers has been granted one year's leave of absence from the 4th inst.

Two Australian miners who have been for some time engaged at Raub, passed through Singapore the other day on their way back to the Colonies, and expressed a conviction that the mine has a great future before it.

THE Stamp revenue for last year amounted to \$161,263.29, a decrease of \$9,833 on the \$171,076.56 collected in 1892. Specie transfers amounted to only \$4,719.70 a falling off of \$5,059.60 compared with the previous year.

IT is reported that the First Chamber of the Netherlands States General has approved the treaty about to be signed by Portugal and Holland, fixing the boundaries of their respective possessions in Timor and the Solor Islands.

THE receipt of the Tokyo Tramway Company on the New Year's Day are stated to have been 916 yen, the largest amount ever received in a single day. The Company's receipts during the latter half of last year were 88,489 yen, or an increase of 12,779 yen on the same period of 1892.

DURING the month of December 403 deaths were registered in the colony. Of these the Tung Wa Hospital was responsible for 93, the Asile de la Ste. Enfance 71, and the Italian Convent 30. There were 10 deaths amongst the British and foreign civil communities, two from the Army, and one from the Navy.

ACCORDING to the *Hyogo News* rumours are current to the effect that the action against the P. & O. in the *Chikuma-Ravena* case, is to be dropped, in accordance with the advice of a body of Commandants of Admiralty stations convened by the Minister of the Navy in Tokyo on the 29th ulto.

A DIAMOND of very pure water, weighing 133 carats, was found at the Jagersfontein Mine, South Africa, on December 4th. The finder of the stone was Mr. Samson, the overseer, and the management at once made him a present of £100. Can this be Hongkong's very own "James," we wonder?

A WONDERFUL place Japan, and a curious people the Japanese. Here is the latest tail-raiser from the home of the *Geisha*, according to the native paper *Kokumin*:—"The wife of a fitterman at Shimbashi is Hayami-gun, Oita-ken, gave birth on the 1st ult. to six litters! They were each nine inches long, with black backs, and crooked spine."

BY special request an extra performance of "Princess Toto" will be given by the A. D. C. in the Theatre Royal to-morrow afternoon, presumably for the delectation of Peasants and children generally. Special rates have been arranged for the latter and the show is to begin at 4 o'clock. Seats and books of the opera may be secured at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

£5 sterling each was the sum and substance of the ministerial prescription allotted to the three cargo-boats arrested by Inspector Quicke and proved to the satisfaction of Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, the presiding magistrate, to have been in unlawful possession of 10 bags of brown sugar, presumably stolen from sugar-laden lighters. Rather than go "up" for two months the defendants, who said they had no idea how the sugar got into their vessel, paid up like men.

LAST but by no means least in the long list of Xmas novelties forwarded to this office during the past month comes the Lion Fire Insurance Co., finely finished c.d., the leading feature of which are a picture of a huge and ill-tempered lion (one of the good old British type that must not be tampered with) with the statement "or imp. settlements" just above the left ear; the *lion* ensemble rendering the calendar at once appropriate and suggestive. Messrs. Dowdell, Carrill & Co. are the local agents for the "Lion."

CHINESE burglars in Singapore have fallen back on the once generally followed practice of adorning their tails with fish-hooks, skewers and other harmless toys when in pursuit of their calling. One of these enterprising individuals was caught red-handed in that colony the other day and when he was turned over to the police for examination it was found his queue was a false one and that it was literally alive with sharpened skewers; indeed, his captors had their hands badly lacerated for it was by his specially prepared and highly-inflating appendage that he was seized.

A TELEGRAM dated Bombay 28th ultimo, states that the steamer to Japan by the steamers of the P. & O., the Austrian Lloyds and the Rubatino Companies, are now quoted at Rs. 2 per ton for twist or cotton, in contrast to Rs. 17 per ton with a discount of 15 per cent. which has been the usual, maintained for some years past. This sudden fall is ascribed to the opening of the Japanese port of steamers with the intention of competing for the carrying trade between Bombay, China and Japan. The old sailing steamers have reduced their rates to practically a nominal quotation.

YOKOHAMA exports last year amounted to \$39,674,949, and the imports to \$18,089,131.

It is stated that there were 48,721 cases of small-pox in Japan last year, of which 12,931 proved fatal.

A severe shock of earthquake was experienced at Kagoshima, Japan, on the 9th inst., resulting in considerable damage to property.

The *Argus* which it is said is to replace the old *Victor Emmanuel* here, has recently undergone repairs to the tune of £30,000.

The total quantity of matches exported from Hyogo and Osaka last year amounted to 235,865 cases, valued at \$18,151.91.

CHING CHANG, the Chinese *Chancel d'Affaires* in Paris, has returned to St. Petersburg to resume negotiations with the Russian Government on the Famine question.

RINDKAPPI, imported from Korea into Japan, is estimated to have cost the latter country over one million yen, the value of cattle which had succumbed to the disease or had to be slaughtered.

THE death of Admiral Sir John Corbett at the age of seventy-one is announced. The deceased Admiral served in the China war of 1895 and also took part in the North China Expedition of '90.

THE P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 13th inst.

ACCORDING to late advices from Singapore the *Mercury* is about to visit Bangkok. The Hongkong correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* is hereby requested to wait until to-morrow before hatching another war scare or doing himself any damage.

AMONG the guests at a recent shikha in Singapore Government House were Bishop Heose and Mr. Baker of Brighton—big pardon, Johore. Miss Michell's name does not appear on the list, so she may have only been present in spirit form. "Johore" is said to be more popular than ever especially with the women-folk.

SACOV is the latest customer for Japanese coal. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Nagoya-Maru* (late the Mutual Shipping's *Otsuka*) was under orders to leave Yokohama on the 4th inst. for *Osaka* to load a cargo of coal for the capital of French Cochinchina.

THE FIRST keel plate of the new battleship to be named the *Magnificent*, was laid at Chatham Dock-yard last month. She will be the largest vessel ever constructed at Chatham, and will have a displacement of nearly 15,000 tons. The total cost will be about £950,000, and her construction will occupy about three years.

WE read that a firm has offered to introduce the electric light into Rangoon without expense to the public, and to give three times the present amount of illumination in the streets of that at the present cost of oil lighting. The firm stipulates that it is to have a monopoly of the electric lighting for a certain number of years. The cost of the installation would be covered by the fact the firm would levy for supplying electric lights to private houses.

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THE *Japan Gazette* says that kerosene is produced in greatest abundance in Echigo and the neighbouring provinces, on the west coast of Japan. In 1892 about 700,000 cases were sold, while the number last year was about 800,000 cases. The prices at the wells vary from yen 1.20 to 1.70. New machinery has been imported, similar to that in use in America and Russia, and it is believed that it would not be difficult to produce millions of cases every year, as the wells show no sign of exhaustion. There has recently been discovered a new vein of petroleum at Yashiro, in Higo, Kyushu.

THERE were two fires in the colony yesterday, one at No. 14, Ulok-Lane at 4 o'clock and the other, about two hours later, at Hungnam, near the Dock-yard. The fire-brigade, under Mr. Horrocks, turned out promptly and succeeded in confining the fire in Ulok-Lane to the house (a copper smith's shop) in which it originated, the total damage amounting to a fraction under \$400. The fire at Hungnam originated in a stack of straw, and owing to the smartness of the police of the district not only was the blaze confined to the stack, but was so promptly extinguished that the services of the fire-brigade were not called into requisition at all.

THAT "the pliceman's lot is not a happy one" few will question, much less the members of the local Force who came out here under agreement and with the belief that the dollar was worth 35.6d. at least, and who now find that with the exchange at 22.2d. they are in reality getting less pay than men of their station at home. This fact the Governor-in-Council seems to have suddenly recognised in a most remarkable manner, the result being that a circular has been issued to all sorts and conditions of policemen in the colony, asking them if they are willing that their pay should be reckoned at three shillings and that should any of them, at some future date, go home on leave or on pension that rate of pay should stand good? "No," says Robert Peel, who can see as far through a five-barred gate as the next man,—especially when his hard-earned wages are in the near distance. Well, well! What next, we wonder?

REURNING to the destruction by fire on the 1st inst. of the Korean Legation in Tokyo the *Japan Mail* says:—"The only portions left standing are the gate and the *nagaya*. It appears that the inmates of the Legation were just going to breakfast when flames were discovered, the origin being a badly isolated stove-pipe. The configuration had then made little progress, and its extinction would doubtless have been possible had the usual resources been available. But in the early morning of New Year's Day the firemen do not assemble as quickly as on ordinary days, and a wooden edifice is soon consumed unless very prompt means are taken to extinguish it. Two hours sufficed to reduce the building to ashes, but happily the archives and the furniture were got out. The offices of the Legation were transferred over the way to No. 26, Sancho-cho. It appears that this building now destroyed had been occupied for the purposes of the Korean Legation since 1888, the previous location having been Kienan-za, in the Asakusa district of Tokyo.

WE beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the new paper *Le Mekong*, a bi-weekly organ of French interests in Cambodia and the valley of the Mekong, published on Thursdays at Saigon and on Saturdays at Phnom-pen. This description is taken from its own "standing-head," which, by the way, bears its initials, and occupies one eighth of the whole sheet. The rest of the "newspaper" consists of one lottery advertisement, two paragraph ads, four paragraphs about local officials, and two articles and a half on the prospects of the Mekong. The only items of any interest are two quotations of local celebrities, printed at the head of the paper as epistles. One is by M. Blanqui, apparently an ancestor of the editor, who lays it down that the Mekong is destined to become the chief outlet for the trade of thirty kingdoms, and that Saigon is to be one of the greatest places on earth and queen of the Far East. The other quotation is from M. de Lameau, to the effect that the natural tendency of great nations is inevitably to "colonial expansion." From such a pair of stupid fallacies nothing else can be expected but early and ignominious collapse.

THE H. H. May, the Captain Superintendent of the Force, who has evinced considerable interest in the welfare and efficiency of the men under his command, intimated that he will shortly offer two cups for competition—one to be won by the "crack" European marksman and the other by the best Indian "shot" in the Force.

AT a meeting of the Police Rifle Corps held this morning Mr. F. H. May, the Captain Superintendent of the Force, who has evinced considerable interest in the welfare and efficiency of the men under his command, intimated that he will shortly offer two cups for competition—one to be won by the "crack" European marksman and the other by the best Indian "shot" in the Force.

WEITNESS, continuing:—I took my meals in the Rotisserie as long as it was open. I did not ask about that—it was understood. I received a letter in terms of the copy now produced, during the first month, informing me that the scale of charges for dinks in the old Rotisserie, 25 cents cash and no "split drink," must be maintained. On the 10th October I got a letter terminating my engagement, and gave notice to all the servants. On November 2nd I got another letter (produced) stating that my application for salary had been considered and that the Board desired information about the chits which I had undertaken to collect. On the 8th December I got another letter (produced) replying to my verbal offer to forego the claim for wages as a set-off to the chits, and asking me to confirm it in writing. I had made the offer in anger, but did not confirm it in writing. I only allowed credit because the Chairman of the Company came and signed; I might have refused credit to him, but did not, in view of his position; and so I then allowed others to sign. The Chairman's chits were principally for "chow-chow." I had no instructions to allow him credit, nor to depart from the original "no chits" order given me by the secretary of the Company. I am not aware of there being many among the chits not signed by those purporting to have signed them; I only know of one such case. "Captain Benson" was sometimes signed by myself at his request. "Bateman"—There was an account, made up by the bookkeeper, but no chits; he is going to pay at the end of the month. I am not aware that he is a bankrupt.

His lordship—What is the object of going through all these things, Mr. Ellis?

Mr. Ellis—I wish to show that the witness has been neglecting his duty to his employers, and causing loss to them.

Witness further admitted having accepted a chit from Mr. Beale for \$3 moncy lent.

Mr. Ellis—And yet you put it in among the rest which you hand over to the Company instead of cash?

Mr. Ellis—Is it your business to lend money?

Witness—I—No; I hold myself personally responsible for that.

Witness also admitted having written on an envelope containing chits sent to one client for collection "I do not give credit"; my collector has called several times for the cash, and if you do not pay promptly I shall be compelled to take proceedings"—thereby showing that he understood he was not to give credit. Some of the chits signed "Davidson" were for money lent—\$1.25. A man named Fukera, of the Naval Yard, was in the Rotisserie to dinner one day, and a chit which witness believed had been signed by him was duly sent round for payment. (Chit produced.)

Mr. Ellis—But his name is Abdulla Fukera, while this begins with "E."

His lordship (after inspection):—It looks like "Ed. F. Mackay."

Mr. Ellis—Where is Fukera's chit?

Witness—I took that for his.

Mr. Ellis—Did he pay?

Witness—I—No.

His lordship—Are

It added that if he did take chits it would be at his own risk. He has admitted that he habitually disobeyed the order, and took chits continually. There is no proof whatever that the directors ever sanctioned or confirmed this course, or knew of it until these unpaid chits amounting to \$154 were handed over at closing. Counsel for Mr. Schmid has attempted to argue that because they took over these chits they thereby waived all claims for damages against him; but there is nothing whatever to show that they took them as payment or waived their claim. They were handed over by Mr. Schmid when he gave in his accounts; the Company might have refused to touch them or have anything to do with them, and might have charged him with the deficiency, but instead of that they did what one would naturally expect—they endeavoured to make as little loss as possible, and they only claimed the amount from Mr. Schmid after he put in his claim for \$100 salary. His work was taken out in December, whereas the Hotel Company's suit only dates from the 5th January, and I am quite sure that if he had not sued they would have endeavoured to get in as many of the debts as possible, and allowed him to do what he could for himself; but when they found they were being sued for \$121 it was their duty, in order to prevent further loss to the shareholders, to bring this counter-claim, in which they have succeeded. The mere fact of Mr. Jones Hughes signing a chit, or of Mr. Schmid allowing him to do so, is no justification for his dealing so largely in chits as he admits he has done. His excuse that he allowed it in deference to the position of the Chairman may be good in that particular case, but certainly it does not justify him in giving credit to other people. Judgment on the Hotel Company's suit for \$141.45, less \$100 which the Company has admitted due on Mr. Schmid's claim; the other claim is dismissed.

Mr. Phillipps:—Is the \$21 for board not allowed?

His lordship:—No.

Mr. Phillipps:—Might I ask your lordship why not?

His lordship:—He was entitled to his board in the Rottenstiel only.

Mr. Phillipps:—But it was shut up before the end of the six months.

His lordship:—Then I don't see how they could carry out that part of the agreement.

Mr. Ellis:—He could have had it from the Company, at the hotel, instead of going elsewhere. Will there be one set of costs for the two actions?

His lordship:—I make no order as to costs. (Both sides therefore have to pay their own.) The Court then closed for the day.

THE MOBILISATION.

The Malta and Gibraltar of the Far East has the pleasure and privilege (not accorded to common or garden Maltes and Gibralters) of paying £40,000 a year, which means an absolutely unlimited amount of dollars, in return for which this Colony is supplied with a number of soldiers who, when not burdening the hospitals of the Exeter Hall party, are usually engaged in a drill of some sort; and once a year, generally at the commencement of the wet season, this time a bit ahead, the garrison turns out for a wholsale display of exercise at the various stations. This is supposed to be a "dress rehearsal" of actual warfare, and is called mobilisation.

Early last Tuesday morning an enemy's fleet was reported as approaching Hongkong (apparently Gap Rock and D'Aiguer's commanding stations were not interrupted) and Dr. Dobetek hoisted all the typhoon signals and other appearances in stock, and issued a notice gradients steep for those who can't bolt over the Kowloon hills. By midday hostile squadrons had lined up off the East and West entrances of this beautiful harbour, and opened fire on the forts. After a few heavy shots, the hillside was so shaken that half of Victoria Peak fell down, and thus the forts were safe in that quarter anyhow—though their ventilation was a failure. However, by some means known only to the military authorities, they managed to return the enemy's fire, and kept out the intruders till Wednesday. A combined attempt was then made to land on the South Shore, and in Ly-ee-moon Bay, and to disable the submarine mines by cutting the wires at the shore end. But the foe was in the soup every time. All the men in the garrison were hard at work about the points of attack, except the Government House party, who was asleep. During Wednesday night some of the enemy's ships managed to "run" Ly-ee-moon (though an inexperienced civilian would have thought the Western Channel much easier) and began to play skittles with the sugar refineries, docks, naval yard, and other prominent points. One fiery unarmed war-ship rammed the *Victor Emanuel* and the V. R. C. bathing pontoon, and then proceeded to "run-amuck" all over the harbour, sinking sampans and jumping on junks like a load of bricks. An attempt was made to capture Bay View, but "Browns" had got there before them, so they fled. Meantime a few of the visitors had got ashore in Mid Bay and "hoofed it" over the hills, intent on raiding the gambling houses at Kowloon and Sam-sui-po, but the Indians of the Hongkong Regiment turned out and executed their jin-jie-habat war-dance, and that was enough! During the day repeated attempts were made to land at various bathing-places on the South Shore, but the Tytan Tigris was on the war-path again. At last, however, the situation grew serious; it was all right as long as they didn't get ashore, and the Regulars could safely "cock-a-snook" at them from long range; but when they did get a footing the position was desperate, and only the Volunteers could save the British Empire. Stonecutters' Island was captured, and it was in, in recapitulating it that the H.K.V. did their celebrated "M'Glyt's act" off the stone pier, as recorded in these columns last Thursday. Next day the invaders, beaten off at every point, concentrated their attention on Alexander Bay (commonly called "Sandys" for brevity). The Volunteers put in some big licks, and shot a dog, out of pure enthusiasm. Finally, on Saturday a grand attack was made all along the line, and every fort and station was fully manned. The enemy was wiped out, the General went round and found everything satisfactory, the hostile ships in the harbour were run in for carrying dangerous goods without a permit, and everybody went home, tired out, but not so wet as last year, thank heaven!

TRAINING NOTES.

Bovill was the first pony on the track on Saturday morning, but was restricted to slow work, finishing with a steady canter for half a mile. Mr. W. Jackson's "sub" griffin, reputed to be one of the best of the crowd, went half a mile in 40 and 1.16, exhibiting good action and going very strongly. Two grays, representing the interests of Mr. R. M. Gray and Mr. E. Hobson, went together three-quarters of a mile in 40, 1.17 and 1.18. The Flying Brigadier, winner of the China Cup at the last Shanghai Autumn Meeting, was sent half a mile in 39 and 69, pulling hard all the way. Mr. J. D. Humphreys' cream Derby, cast iron, moved very resolutely over the mile course in 56, 1.12, 1.40, and 2.12, finishing a neck in front of a speedy little gray that "chipped in" at the Black Rock. Although a queerly shaped customer, this griffin has the gift of going, and were he in better condition would be worth looking after.

Mr. Heinrich's Derby "crack" covered half a mile in 36 and 1.10; he moved freely enough, but certainly his form did not impress me favorably. Blue Beard's half-mile was occupied 38, 1.17, 1.53 and 2.10, quickening his pace as usual when called upon in the final hundred yards. The chestnut and dun griffins from the Pedder's Hill stable were sent a mile together in 31, 65, 1.44 and 2.22 1.51, the chestnut running very green, not to say unkindly. Mr. Manners' "sub" did his two quarters in 33 and 35, and Major-General Barker's cream, accompanied by a hock, made his half-mile in 37 and 1.12.

Mr. Buxey's two Derby griffins, without plates if I mistake not, were galloped half a mile at their best pace, the discarded subscription (No. 21 on the original list) and kept back owing to a cracked hoof, leading all the way and bearing the strain easily by about three lengths—times 29 and 61 seconds. If this one hundred yard purchase can stay a mile and a half—which I seriously doubt—he won't be very far off when the Hongkong Derby winner is back to scale. The two white and dark grey and Mr. Cruckshank's brown griffins were "powed" over the Valley Stakes distance, the greatly improved while winning cleverly in 33 and 1.41. The brown was outpaced at first, but nevertheless ran with great resolution and may yet develop galloping attributes that his make and shape would scarcely lead one to expect. Sunwind cantered the same distance in front of the "sub" Catathun in 38, 1.14 and 1.51.

Free Trade and Capt. Murray's good-looking black griffin negotiated the favorite half-mile in 33 and 6.1, and then the "Tyman Tiger" followed his heels to a grey and a bay in the same interest over six furlongs in 36, 1.17, and 4.6. Mr. Buxey's white and Mr. Dobetek's dark grey "subs" were sent a mile at full pressure, the watch registering 36, 1.11, 1.49 and 2.19. Both ponies were as thoroughly beaten three furlongs from the winning post that they literally "rolled home." Discount and Mr. Manners' steeplechase went half a mile in 35 and 60, the chestnut showing superior speed. Mr. Taylor's road Derby griffin, Dardevil, was sent two separate quarters in 32 and 33 seconds, and seemed to me to go in better style than of late. Lieut. Smyth's chestnut griffin proved too good for the Regiment's bay and the Don for three quarters of a mile—times 36, 1.13 and 1.74—but I shall expect to see the bay turn the tables before race-days. Over the mile course Mr. Buxey's grey "sub" going alone, registered 37, 1.13, 1.50 and 2.25, finishing in capital form. Mr. Gillies' "sub" cantered half a mile in 43 and 1.22.

Rather more than a week ago a letter, numerously signed by owners of subscription griffins, suggesting the advisability of adding to the programme of the forthcoming meeting another race each day for "sub," was sent into the Stewards of the Jockey Club. The principal reason relied on for this innovation was that to the scarcity of capable jockeys, a considerable number of griffins would be in their stalls when such events as the Valley Stakes and German Cup were being contested. The Stewards duly met and it was unanimously decided to add the extra race asked for on the first and second days, but they did not consider it advisable to make any addition to the programme of the third day, on the very reasonable grounds that it would be most undesirable to risk having the "Champions" run in the dark and that there were already three races limited to subscription ponies. The following are the conditions of the new events:—

FIRST DAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

THE GYMKHANA STAKES: Sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added for subscription griffins of this season, 1893-94, only; first and second ponies in any previous race at this meeting, and previous non-starters, excluded; weight for inches. Ponies that have been placed third, 5 lbs. extra; first pony, 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10 per cent. Once round.

SECOND DAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

THE GYMKHANA STAKES: Sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100, (presented by the Gymkhana Committee) added for subscription griffins of this season, 1893-94, only; first and second ponies in any previous race at this meeting, and previous non-starters, excluded; weight for inches. Ponies that have been placed third, 5 lbs. extra; first pony, 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10 per cent. Once round.

Per P. and O. steamer *Ballaarat*, from London Dec. 14th.—To Yokohama, via Bombay; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Bradman and children. From Bradis—To Yokohama, via Bombay; Rev. and Mrs. G. Chapman and child.

Per P. and O. steamer *Paramatta*, from London December 21st.—To Yokohama; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and child, Mr. Arthur Hyde Ley, Mr. Yardley. To Shanghai; Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson and infant. To Hongkong; Sergeant W. Baker, Mrs. Baker, and family, Mr. D. Wood, Mr. John Blake, Lieutenant T. P. Dyer and a gunner, Lieut. R. H. Meister, Mr. A. E. McEwan, Mr. William Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knott. From Bradis—To Shanghai; Mr. Henry Morris.

Per P. and O. steamer *Rome*, from London, December 29th—To Yokohama; Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Van Mitter, Bombay to Shanghai; Mr. Theodore Holmes.

The GYMKHANA STAKES: Sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100, (presented by the Gymkhana Committee) added for subscription griffins of this season, 1893-94, only; first and second ponies in any previous race at this meeting, and previous non-starters, excluded; weight for inches. Ponies that have been placed third, 5 lbs. extra; first pony, 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10 per cent. Once round.

Per P. and O. steamer *Britannia*, from London January 5th.—To Yokohama; Mr. Hugh Fraser, Colonel W. D. Samuels, Miss Alice Gadsby. To Hiozo: Miss Crown. To Hongkong; Miss Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wooley and child, Mr. John Kyles, Captain F. C. Metcalf, R.N. From Iwamata.—To Yokohama; Mr. Gilligan.

Per P. and O. steamer *Oriental*, from London, January 12th.—To Yokohama, via Bombay; Mr. W. Baker, Mrs. Baker, and family, Mr. D. Wood, Mr. John Blake, Lieutenant T. P. Dyer and a gunner, Lieut. R. H. Meister, Mr. A. E. McEwan, Mr. William Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knott. From Bradis—To Shanghai; Mr. Henry Morris.

Per P. and O. steamer *Massilia*, from London, January 18th.—To Yokohama: Mr. H. De Windt, Mr. G. Lancaster and man servant, Rev. A. E. Webb. To Shanghai: Rev. T. Mathew.

Per P. and O. steamer *Australis* from London, February 2nd.—To Yokohama: Mr. W. H. Player, Mrs. R. G. Lawson, Miss Grace Swann.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Oceanus*, from Marseilles, December 10th.—To Shanghai; Mr. W. D. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Hickson. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Sprungli and child, Mr. and Mrs. F. Glaesbrook and child, Mr. and Mrs. Berthoin, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Baur, Mr. Duran and friend, Mr. Lafrance, Mr. Seppe. To Yokohama: Mr. Uchida, Mr. Panglao.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sydney*, from Marseilles, January 7th.—To Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. Stephanies. To Yokohama: Mr. Wilson.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Orius*, from Marseilles, February 4th.—To Shanghai; Mr. J. Wilson. To Yokohama; Mr. Bland, Mr. Garland.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

CALCUTTA, December 21st.

Yesterday the Opium Commission resisted its sitings. Several native workmen were examined including barbers and members of the aristocracy. A few Bengalee journalists were also examined. All tendered the sort of evidence given before by native witnesses.

The Rev. K. S. Macdonald, D.D., of the Free Church of Scotland, was examined at some length and gave an experience of 32 years' service. Opium and drink, he said, were both bad, but he only knew of one man ruined by the former, while he knew of scores ruined by drink. Opium consumption did not hinder missionary work. The effects of opium could not be compared to those of drink.

He advocated absolute prohibition to be attained gradually, and as a help towards this recommended the creation of public opinion against opium and liquor by means of school text-books and English and vernacular literature, addresses and lectures on the physiological effects of all drugs and stimulants on the human system.

COMMERCE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The statistics of trade for the whole of 1893, with comparative figures of previous years, are thus shown in Messrs. Warner, Blodgett & Co's annuals' resume:—

Hemp receipts (in bales) have been:—

1893. 1892. 1891.

At Manila 667,470 668,676 632,913

At Cebu 102,752 91,451 96,510

Total 770,231 76,127 679,123

Hemp exported for same period:—

America, U.S. & Canada 217,463 38,076 1,000

Great Britain 372,841 318,366 44,214

California 32,050 19,765 21,350

Australia 15,393 11,781 13,282

Elsewhere 18,743 15,527 17,794

641,471 700,508 636,547

Local consumption 6,570 6,500

Total 647,971 700,008 642,047

Stocks at and in store 1st January, 1894.

At Manila 173,755 74,165 11,217

At Cebu 42,010 10,378 16,207

Total 215,805 93,543 130,424

Landing 1st January, 1894.

America, United States 6,225 9,000

Great Britain 17,414 10,000 19,615

Elsewhere 170 150

Total 23,809 19,000 19,809

Memo. showing movement of price of hemp and sugar, and rates of freight and exchange, from 1/3 to 1893.

Quantities and Prices of:—

Hemp—piculs. Dry Sugar. Exchange. Exchange. piculs. Dry Sugar. piculs. Bills.

1893. 6,246,669 1,429,305

At \$9 to 7.75 at \$15.50 to 10.40 3/11 to 4/3

1892. 667,378 1,890,259

At \$5.63 to 5 at \$6.63 to 4 3/7 4/2 to 4/6

1891. 746,870 3,403,499

At \$11.31 to 2.5 at \$15 to 4.50 4/2 to 3/18

1888. 1,322,858 2,064,910

At 7.75 to 7.75 at \$4.12 to 3.43 3/8 to 3/4

1887. 1,271,004 2,662,625

At \$11 to 8.25 at \$4 to 3.31 3/8 to 3/4

1886. 1,681,016 3,951,060

At \$10.73 to 8.12 at \$4.15 to 3.13 3/4 to 3/0

1885. 1,272,042 4,814,760

At \$10 to 7.87 at \$4.81 to 4 3/8 to 2/8

Total 1,283,942 3,581,016

Hemp from Manila, piculs. 1,222,728 1,401,466

Hemp from Cebu, piculs. 160,160 176,560

Total 1,283,942 3,581,016

Sugar from Manila, piculs. 1,070,993 1,087,941

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—100 per cent., prem., sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £800, paid up.—\$254, sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2 per cent., premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent., premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent., premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$49 per share, sales and sellers.
China Trade's Insurance Company—\$55 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Ts. 145 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$137 per share, buyers.
Yantze River Insurance Association—\$62, buyers, On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Ts. 15 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$215 per share, sales and buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$28 per share, sellers.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$57 sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—40 per cent, discount, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$4, sales and buyers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—80 per cent premium, sales and sellers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$13 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
Punjab Mining Co.—\$72 per share, sales and sellers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and sellers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$75 per share, buyers.
The Ilebelu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$55 sales and buyers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—n/a.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$182 per share, sales and sellers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$10, sales and sellers.
Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$11 per share, sales and buyers.
Honkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$61 per share, sales and buyers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 sales and sellers.
The West Point Buildings' Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$34 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$43 per share, sales and buyers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$58, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$33, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$62 ex. Div. buyers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/3
Bank Bills, on demand 2/3
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/3
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/3
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/3

On PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 2/3
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/3
On INDIA—
T. T. 1821
On Demand 1824
On SHANGHAI—
Bank, T. T. 721
Private, 30 days' sight 724

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Mr. N. Lindholm. Mr. & Mrs. C. Sprungle
and child.
Miss L. Lindholm. Mr. G. B. Stephenson.
Mr. R. L. Lyall. Captain Tillet.
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Mrs. G. Grimble.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

MATHILDE, German steamer, 600, P. Moes, 14th Jan.—Touron 10th Jan., and Holbow 13th, General—Siemens & Co.
MALWA, British steamer, 2,050, H. J. Weighall, 14th Jan.—London, 1/2 Bombay 27th Dec., and Singapore 8th Jan., General—P. O. S. N. Co.
HANOI, French steamer, 739, J. V. Chodzko, 1st January.—Haiphong, and Holbow 13th Jan., General—A. R. Marti.
JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German steamer, 613, A. Hundsdorff, 14th Jan.—Bangkok 4th Jan., Rice—Carroll & Co.
ESMERALDA, British steamer, 966, G. A. Taylor, 14th Jan.—Manila 11th Jan., General—Shewan & Co.
E-SANG, British steamer, 1,127, Geo. Payne, 14th Jan.—Wuhu 9th Jan., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
NAMOA, British steamer, 861, H. C. Amoy 12th Jan.—Keeling 11th Jan., Amoy 12th, and Swatow 13th, Coal—D. Laprak & Co.
YUNG-CHING, Chinese steamer, 761, R. E. Harris, 14th Jan.—Canton 14th January, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
NINOGO, German steamer, 762, Th. Lehmann, 14th Jan.—Canton 14th Jan., General—Siemens & Co.
MOKKO, Chinese steamer, 1,287, W. H. Lunt, 14th Jan.—Wuhu 9th January, Rice—C. M. S. N. Co.
EX-1 British steamer, 1,105, J. Watson, 14th Jan.—Saigon 9th Jan., Rice—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
ISER, British steamer, 1,415, W. Burgoine, 14th Jan.—Shanghai 11th Jan., General—Lee Klog.
ELSE, German steamer, 747, C. Christensen, 15th Jan.—Kutching 10th Jan., Coal—Wieler & Co.
MERCURY, British cruiser, 7,390, 13 guns, Captain Fawkes, 15th January.—Nagasaki 10th January.
ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Medie, 15th Jan.—Yokohama 7th Jan., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
TAMARIND, Norwegian steamer, 739, L. Costberg, 15th Jan.—Hongay 12th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, J. Fowler, 15th Jan.—Bangkok 3rd Jan., and Anglin 6th, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.
PALLAS, British cruiser, 2,575, Captain Angus MacLeod, 15th January.—Singapore 7th January.
AGLAIA, German steamer, 1,056, G. Petersen, 15th Jan.—Singapore 7th Jan., General—Siemens & Co.
WM. LE LACHEUR, British bark, 573, M. Ayala, 15th Jan.—Kalgau 22nd Dec., Timber—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
AIKOU MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,067, T. Yano, 15th Jan.—Japan 4th Jan., and Nagasaki 10th, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Colliery.
ZADIKA, Russian cruiser, 1,200, Commander Domajiros, 15th January.—Nagasaki 11th January.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Triumph, German steamer, for Holbow, &c.
Tambor, Russian steamer, for Nagasaki.
Yungching, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Tamarind, Norwegian steamer, for Shanghai.
Pakshan, British steamer, for Swatow.
Toyo Maru, Japanese steamer, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

January 13, Ariaki Maru, Japanese steamer, for Kuching 10th.
January 13, Mongku, British str., for Swatow.
January 14, Meesoo, Chinese str., for Canton.
January 14, Poseidon, Australian str., for Shanghai.
January 14, E-sang, British str., for Canton.
January 14, Woosung, British str., for Kobe.
January 14, Sungkang, British steamer, for Amoy.
January 14, Soochow, British steamer, for Moji.
January 14, Prophontis, British steamer, for Singapore.
January 14, Normandie, Norwegian steamer, for Bangkok.
January 14, Michael Fabian, German steamer, for Saigon.
January 14, Hongay, British str., for Amoy.
January 14, Glenorchy, British steamer, for Shanghai.
January 14, Fokker, British str., for Swatow.
January 14, Dromed, British str., for Amoy, &c.
January 14, Decima, German str., for Saigon.
January 14, Atalos, German str., for Holbow.
January 14, Ash, Danish steamer, for Holbow.
January 14, Riverside, British steamer, for Hongay.
January 15, Watang, British str., for Singapore.
January 15, Toyo Maru, Japanese steamer, for Saigon.
January 15, Pakhan, British str., for Swatow.
January 15, Yungching, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Han, from Haiphong, &c.—Mr. Shenberg, and 6 Chinese.
Per Mathilde, from Touron, &c.—51 Chinese.
Per Emeralda, from Manila—Mrs. O. E. Cravens, Mr. M. Motte, and 45 Chinese.
Per Jacob Diederichsen, from Bangkok—12 Chinese.
Per Namoa, from Keeling, &c.—Capt. and Mrs. Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Sing Tong, and 3 children, Miss H. Smith, Misses Chaber, Hart-Buck, and 15 Chinese.
Per Phra Chom Kla, from Bangkok, &c.—43 Chinese.

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